Call to order 8:05AM

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Lavoie

Roll Call Vote – Michelle Thone, Thomas Iacobucci, Ann Connolly King, Robert Lavoie, Alison Lindstrom, Donna McClure, Mario Pinierio, Christopher Lawrence

Roger Benson not present

Public Comment
Mayor Kezer – Mayor Kezer states of all the decisions a council makes this is probably one of the most significant that impacts taxpayers, the economy and quality of life of the town. He feels there is a fundamental disagreement of where the administration and council stand in regard to where the tax classification is set. Last year was the first time Amesbury went to a 15% split tax rate, which the Mayor vetoed and the council overrode. This year the council moved to increase the split by 5% to 120. He feels the council and the Mayor have a shared responsibility in the decision making for the community and on this issue they have a wide disagreement. He vetoed 2007-113 because he does not wish it to increase and he knows there are not the votes on the council for a decrease. He is hoping the council will sustain the veto, take another vote to keep it at 115, he will sign it and get the tax bills out. In the end each can go their separate ways and be over with the two tumultuous years that have been spent.

2007-113   Act on Veto 2007-113 An Order to hold the annual classification hearing – Mayor Kezer sponsor cont.
Councilor Iacobucci moves to the extent necessary that the measure that was sent back to the Municipal Council with the Mayors' objections be amended to set a residential factor of 97.5914 with a CIP factor of 1.15.
Roll Call Vote on Amendment – 6 Yes, Iacobucci, Lindstrom, McClure, Lavoie, Thone, Lawrence
2 – No King, Pinierio

Roll Call on the Main Motion as amended – 6-Yes, Iacobucci, Lindstrom, McClure, Lavoie, Thone, Lawrence 2-No King, Pinierio

Councilor Lavoie motion to adjourn 8:17AM – Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Assistant Town Clerk